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1. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT INTERNATIONAL CHIROPRACTORS ASSOCIATION (ICA) IS ORGANIZATION OF PRACTICING LICENCED CHIROPRACTORS. ALTHOUGH MEMBERSHIP IS PREDOMINANTLY AMERICAN, SOME CHIROPRACTORS FROM CANADA, MEXICO AND THE U.K. ARE ALSO MEMBERS. SOME STUDENTS FINISHING UP CHIROPRACTIC STUDIES ARE ALSO MEMBERS.

2. ORGANIZATION IS INDEPENDENT AND NOT AFFILIATED IN ANY WAY WITH AMA OR SIMILAR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. INDEED ICA WASHINGTON OFFICE INFORMS US THAT AMA IS RESOLUTELY OPPOSED TO CHIROPRACTIC PROFESSION.

3. CHIROPRACTORS ARE INVOLVED IN NATIONAL HEALTH PROGRAMS. FOR EXAMPLE, CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT IS COVERED BY MEDICAID AND MEDICARE. ALSO, THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT HAS RECENTLY BEEN AMENDED TO INCLUDE CHIROPRACTIC TREATMENT AS PART OF MEDICAL SERVICES WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED AT GOVERNMENT EXPENSE. KISSINGER

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